

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2021-130-S

Joint Application for Approval of the)	
Sale of Assets and Transfer of Facilities,)	
Territory and Certificate of Public)	
Convenience and Necessity from)	PETITION TO INTERVENE
Synergy Utilities, L.P. to South Carolina)	
Water Utilities, Incorporated)	

Petitioner the City of Orangeburg (“Petitioner” or “Orangeburg”) hereby petitions the South Carolina Public Service Commission (the “Commission”), pursuant to Rule 103-825 of the Commission’s Rules, for an order allowing Petitioner to intervene in the above referenced Docket, with full rights to participate as a party of record. In support of its petition, Petitioner would show the Commission the following:

1. Orangeburg is a South Carolina municipality with a population of approximately 14,000. Through its enterprise function, the Orangeburg Department of Public Utilities (“DPU”) provides water and wastewater services in Orangeburg and Calhoun Counties.

2. Orangeburg DPU provides wastewater treatment services to Synergy Utilities, L.P. (“Synergy”) pursuant to a Wholesale Wastewater Agreement approved by this Commission in various Dockets, including but not limited to Docket No. 2008-159-S.

3. Orangeburg's legal representative in this proceeding, to whom all notices, pleadings and other documents related to this proceeding should be directed, is:

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Orangeburg consents to electronic service in this proceeding.

4. As a provider of wastewater collection and treatment services to Synergy, Orangeburg has a direct and substantial interest in the matters to be addressed by the Commission in this Docket, and no other party to this Docket can adequately represent Orangeburg's interests in these proceedings.

5. Additionally, the Application in this Docket posits that the "public interest is served by having utility ownership committed to operating the utility and investing the necessary capital required for sustainable, efficient operation." Because Orangeburg receives wastewater from Synergy, Orangeburg is keenly interested in the potential investment of capital in the Synergy system connected to the system of the Orangeburg DPU.

6. Petitioner should therefore be permitted to intervene in this proceeding to participate fully and present testimony and other evidence in this Docket as appropriate.

7. Petitioner has not yet developed a position in this Docket. However, Petitioner reserves the right to set forth its position more fully as necessary and appropriate as this proceeding moves forward.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner prays for the Commission to:

- a. Grant this Petition to Intervene and make Petitioner a party of record in Docket No. 2021-130-S, allowing Petitioner to participate fully and take such positions as it deems advisable; and
- b. Grant such other relief as the Commission deems just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that I have caused to be served this day, the **Petition to Intervene** to the individuals listed below via first class mail and electronic mail as set out below:

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